

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CONNECTICUT,

In favor of abolishing the Military Academy at West Point.

JULY 25, 1842.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE WEST POINT ACADEMY.

Whereas, the attention of many of the citizens of this State has, for years past, been directed to the large appropriations of public money made by Congress for the support of the military academy at West Point, in the State of New York, and as it appears evident to them that a very large proportion of the cadets received into that school, are the sons of wealthy and influential men, who by the interposition of members of Congress obtain situations in that institution to the almost total exclusion of the sons of poor and less influential men, regardless alike of qualifications and of merit; and, whereas, the practice of educating such persons at the expense of the United States, without any obligations on their part to continue in its service, after they have completed their educations, or in any way reimburse to the United States the amount expended in their educations, is considered entirely at variance with our views of justice and equality—we are therefore of opinion that said military academy ought to be abolished.

Resolved, therefore, by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to oppose all further appropriations for the support of said military academy.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State cause that each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and the Governor of each State and Territory of the United States, be furnished with a copy of the preceding preamble and resolutions.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1842—Passed.

R. S. HINMAN, *Clerk.*

IN SENATE, 1842—Passed.

E. S. ABERNETHY, *Clerk.*

Approved, June 8, 1842.

C. F. CLEVELAND.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
Hartford, July 9, 1842.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of record in this office.

N. A. PHELPS,

Secretary of State.

